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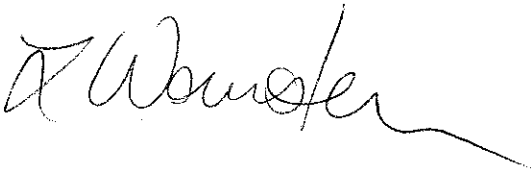
NO to Reorganization of the CSU system

I am writing about the possible restructuring of the Connecticut universities and community colleges. I absolutely do not support the plan. I teach at Western and Western is a **research and teaching institution**. I emphasize research because the proposed plan takes for granted that UConn is the premiere research institution in the state. As someone who has published and/or edited many, many books and journal articles about Native Americans and women in the military, I can tell you that I **am doing research**. I attach my C.V. to this letter. I regularly apply for grants both within and outside the CSU system to pay for my work.

My work is not unique. Most of my colleagues here are also active in publishing and applying/receiving grants. Our research informs our teaching. We don't use withered old yellow notes, but instead, we are regularly seeking new information through our long-range studies of our myriad subject matters. I also involve students in my research; they become co-writers and co-presenters with me. I edited *Wives and Warriors: Women in the Military in the U.S. and Canada* (Bergen and Garvey 1997) with Christie White. She was a student at the time and she was involved in not only the book, but in organizing the two sessions at the Canadian Association for Learned Societies' meetings as well. Last year I worked with student, Samantha Mauro who co-researched, co-presented and co-wrote, "Looking for the Indians: The Little Known Heroes of the Revolutionary War." That presentation will be published in an upcoming volume of an archaeological journal. I write this letter, not to sing my praises, but to let you know that we engage students in our subject matter through the process of our research.

By making CSU a step-child to the community colleges, we water down our curriculum to include a lot more remedial and introductory classes; we make our work less valuable because we become some large, nebulous teaching factory that cranks out the degrees. We water down our own credentials because we will be seen as belonging to a teaching only kind of school that does not give us the opportunity to feed our classes with something essential: the love of learning via our research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Weinstein', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

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**EDUCATION**

- Ph.D.** Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, ethnology, 1983.  
*Areas of Expertise:* Native North American, esp. Northeast & Southwest;  
Prehistory and material culture; women's studies, particularly women and the military
- M.A.** Anthropology, Southern Methodist University, 1980.
- B.A.** *cum laude*, The Colorado College, with Distinction in Anthropology, 1976.  
Bennington College, 1972-73.

**EMPLOYMENT**

**Chair**, Social Sciences, elected 2006-2008. Interdisciplinary department in anthropology/sociology, political science, economics, geography and education.

**Visiting Professor**, Western State College, Gunnison, Colorado, 2002-2003

**Professor of Anthropology**, Western Connecticut State University; employed at WCSU Since 1990

**Visiting Scholar**, Arizona State Museum, Spring 1997; Summer 1998

**Other Schools:** adjunct faculty member at Stonehill College, Bridgewater State College, Northeastern University, University of Rhode Island, and Mohegan Community College 1982-1990.

**MUSEUM**

Featured Lecturer: Institute for American Indian Studies, 1990-Present  
On-going collaboration to research and develop exhibits based on summer field school in archaeology

Guest Curator: Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University, 1984-1986  
Guest curator and research associate to develop exhibit on New England Indians

Exhibit Developer: Lowell Heritage State Park, 1984  
Developed exhibit on Abenaki Indians

Researcher: Boston Children's Museum, 1983  
Researched and typed lithic New England collections

**GRANTS & AWARDS**

Phillips Fund, American Philosophical Society, ethnohistory of the Weantinock Indians, 2002-2003.

Harcourt Foundation Award for archaeological research and education, 2001.

Conversations in the Discipline. Monies to support Northeastern Anthropological Conference, 2001.

Curriculum Development Grant, Summer 1999.

Faculty-Student Collaborative Research Grants, archaeology & ethnohistory, 1993-2002, 2003.

Outstanding Professor in the School of Arts & Sciences, awarded by the Student Government Association, Western Connecticut State University, 1998.

Connecticut State University Grant for archaeology field schools and/or ethnohistory for the following summers: 1994-1998, 2000-2002 and 2004-2007, 2009, 2010

WCSU Reassigned Time for Research, most recent: 2010-2011, 3 credits each semester for ethnohistory of western Connecticut Indians

Institute for American Indian Studies Grant for archaeology program, 1998.

Summer Curriculum Grant to develop Archaeology Field School, 1994.

Phillips Fund, American Philosophical Society, Principal Investigator for the ethnohistory of the Mohegan Indians, 1989.

### **RESEARCH IN PROCESS**

*The Anthropology of Southern New England and Long Island Indians*, to be co-written with Dr. Lucianne Lavín, Director, of Research at the Institute for American Indian Studies; applying for sabbatic leave for 2009 to work on this book; book will be part of my series, *Native Peoples of the Americas*, University of Arizona Press.

Researched Native Communities of western Connecticut during the Revolutionary War during sabbatic leave (fall, 09) as part of larger effort to write *The Anthropology of Southern New England*, above. Currently working on Indians living in Danbury region after the Revolutionary War

Series Editor, *Native Peoples of the Americas*, University of Arizona Press.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

*Anthropologies of Guayana: Cultural Spaces in Northeastern Amazonia*  
Edited by Neil L. Whitehead; Stephanie W. Alemán. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. 2009

"The Life of a Chair Saturated in Bureaucracy," *Anthropology News*, ppgs 27-28, American Anthropological Association, March 2007.

Guest Editor, *Northeast Anthropology*, Volume on the Interpretation of Indian Land Deeds in New England, No. 70, fall 2005

"Oh Wither Weantinock: Deeds and Their Interpretations" with Deseree Heme, *Northeast Anthropology*, No. 70: 49-65, 2005.

General Editor, *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press 2002-Present; Bergin and Garvey, 1994-2002.

*Native People of the Gulf Coast of Mexico*. Edited by Alan R. Standstrom and E. Hugo Garcia Valencia. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. 2005.

*Lifeways in the Lowlands: New Approaches to Maya Archaeology*. Edited by Jennifer Mathews and Beth Morrison, *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Tucson: University of Arizona Press. 2005.

*A Lasting Impression: Coastal, Lithic and Ceramic Research in New England Archaeology*. Edited by Jordan Kerber. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 2002.

*Living On the Edge : Native Peoples of Pampas, Patagonia, and Tierra Del Fuego*. Edited by Claudia Briones and Jose Luis Lanata. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. 2 vols. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 2002.

*Native Peoples of the Southwest. Negotiating Land, Water and Ethnicities*. Edited by Laurie Weinstein. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 2001, Paperback, 2002.

*The Archaeological Northeast* edited by Mary Ann Levine, Kenneth E. Sassaman, and Michael S. Nassaney. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1999.

*Peoples of the Gran Chaco*. Edited by Elmer S. Miller. *Native Peoples of the Americas*. Gen. Ed. Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1999.

Review, *The Voice of the Dawn*, by Frederick Wiseman in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, Vol. 25, No. 3. 2001.

"*The Southwest*" *Local History Encyclopedia*. American Association for State & Local History & Alta Mira Press, 2000.

Review, *Citizen Soldiers & Manly Warriors*, by Claire Snyder, in *New Political Science*, Vol. 22, No. 3. 2000.

*Gender Camouflage: Women And The U.S. Military*. Ed. by Francine D'Amico and Laurie Weinstein. New York University Press, 1999.

Review, *Dispossession by Degrees: Indian Land & Identity in Natic, Massachusetts, 1650-1790*, by Jean O'Brien, in *Social Anthropology*. Fall 1998.

Review, *Indians in the U.S. & Canada: A Comparative History*, by Roger Nichols. In *Ethnic Conflict Research Digest*, Vol. 2, pp. 32. February 1998.

Review, *Native People of Southern New England, 1500-1650*, by Kathleen Bragdon, in *Ethnohistory*, 44:3. 1997.

*Wives and Warriors in the U.S. and Canada*. Ed. By L. Weinstein and C. White. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1997.

"Blue Navy Blue: Submarine Officers and the Two Person Career," by L. Weinstein and H. Mederer in *Wives and Warriors in the U.S. and Canada*. Ed. By L. Weinstein and C. White, pp. 7-18. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1997.

Review, *The Mohican of Stockbridge*, by Patrick Frazier, in *American Indian Culture and Research Journal*, 19:1. 1994.

*Enduring Traditions: The Native Peoples of New England*. Ed. By Laurie Weinstein. Westport, CT: Bergin & Garvey, 1994. (became the first book for *Native Peoples of the Americas*)/

"The Mission of Samson Occum," in *Enduring Traditions*, Laurie Weinstein, Ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1994.

"Featherworking in New England", with Delinda Passas and Anabela Marques, in Enduring Traditions, Laurie Weinstein, Ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1994.

"Wampanoag," in Encyclopedia of Native Americans in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Mary Davis, Gen.Ed., NY: Garland Press, 1994.

"Mohegan," in Encyclopedia of Native Americans in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. Mary Davis, Gen.Ed., NY: Garland Press, 1994.

"Choices and Constraints in a Two Person Career: Ideology Division of Labor and Well-Being Among Submarine Officers' Wives," with Dr. Helen Mederer. Journal of Family Issues. 13:313-332. 1992.

The Wampanoag Indians. New York, NY: Chelsea House Publishers, 1989.

"We're Still on Our Traditional Homelands: The Wampanoag Since the 17<sup>th</sup> Century," in Survival Strategies. Frank Porter, Ed. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 1986.

"17<sup>th</sup> Century Southern New England Indian Agriculture." Bulletin of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. 46:19-34. 1986.

"Land, Politics and Power: The Mohegan Indians in the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries." Man in the Northeast. Vol. 42:9-16. 1985.

"Native Peoples of Southern New England." Exhibit on New England Indians, Haffenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University, 1986.

"Indian Exhibit." Exhibit on Abenaki Indians. Lowell Heritage State Park, Mack Building, Interpretive Exhibits, Lowell, MA, 1984.

"Survival Strategies: The Wampanoag and the Plymouth Colony Courts." Man in the Northeast 26:81-86. 1983.

"Indian vs. Colonist: Competition for Land in 17<sup>th</sup> Century Plymouth Colony." Ph.D. Dissertation, Southern Methodist University, 1983.

"An Interpretative Model of Late Woodland and Early Contact Period Sites in Narragansett Bay and Eastern Rhode Island," Rhode Island Historic Preservation Commission, 1981.

"Land Use and Tenure: The Effects of Cash-Cropping Upon the Nasioi of the Solomon Islands." Honors Thesis, The Colorado College, 1976.

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### ***Archaeology***

Principal Archaeologist, organizer for Field School in archaeology. Field School serves as a center for on-going year-round archaeological and ethnohistorical research for undergraduates. 1993-present. Field School teaches field methodology (survey, testing and excavation) along with lab techniques (cleaning, identification, cataloguing and analysis). Fieldschool is supported by continuing summer grants from CSU-AAUP.

Summer Field School in 2007 and 2009 focused on a Revolutionary War encampment. Worked with Dr. Bethany Morrison and Dr. Cosimo Sgarlata for comprehensive survey, mapping (GIS) along with some testing and excavation.

Created 18 credit Minor in Cultural Resource Management at WCSU with capstone seminar, internship program, and summer fieldschool.

Chair, elected, Danbury Historic Preservation Commission; as organizer and Chair, in process of making Danbury a Certified Local Government; as a CLG will apply for grants to do archaeological sensitivity surveys, GIS mapping, protect historic properties and other projects.

Took WCSU students to Colorado to work with Dr. Mark Stiger on Folsom Indian site, summer 2005.

CRM work in Texas, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Massachusetts, 1978-1984

### ***LECTURES & CONFERENCE PAPERS***

"Native Americans in Southern New England and Conflict," Invited discussant, for 5<sup>th</sup> annual Native American-Archaeology Roundtable. Institute for American Indian Studies, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010

"Native Peoples of Western Connecticut: The Pahquioque," American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, October 2010.

Featured Speaker, Teachers Workshop on Indians, Institute for American Indian Studies, October 9, 2010.

Chair and Organizer for spring meeting, Archaeological Society of Connecticut. Theme: Indigenous Peoples of Western Connecticut. Brought in well-known scholars from throughout the Northeast. April, 2010.

"Looking for the Indians: The Little Known Heroes of the Revolutionary War," with Samantha Mauro (student). Archaeological Society of Connecticut, April 2010.

"Archaeological Investigations at Redding's Middle Encampment" with Bethany Morrison and Cosimo Sgarlata, invited paper, Archaeological Society of Connecticut Fall Meeting, 2009.

"Native Peoples in Western Connecticut During the Revolutionary War," American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, October, 2009.

"Western Connecticut Indians and the Revolutionary War," Invited presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American-Archaeology Roundtable, Historic Native American Communities in Southern New England: What Local Town Histories Never Told Us. Institute for American Indian Studies. September 27, 2009.

Organizer and Chair: "The Revolutionary War in Southern Connecticut and the Experience of Others," Northeastern Anthropological Association, meetings, March 2009. This session was created to showcase the work of my students from the summer field school and my fall intro. to archaeology class. The fall class did graduate-quality research on the history of Indians, Blacks and women who participated in the Revolutionary War.

"Overview of the Session and the Archaeology of Middle Encampment," Northeastern Anthropological Association, meetings, March 2009.

Session Organizer and Chair: "Interpreting Indian Land Deeds," American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, 2004.

"Interpreting Weantinock Indian Land Deeds," American Society for Ethnohistory Meetings, 2004.

"The Weantinock Indians and their Neighbors: Understanding Intercultural Dynamics in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century," Third Mashantucket Pequot History Conference, September 2002.

*Chair/Organizer:* "Negotiating Land, Water and Ethnicities in the American Southwest," American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 2001.

*Conference Chair:* Northeastern Anthropological Association meetings, Hartford, CT March 2001.

Invited paper for session, "The Military Community in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," American Sociological Association meetings, August 2000.

Keynote Speaker for Connecticut Women's Club. "Women and the Military," Spring 2000.

Chair/organizer for session, "The View From The Housatonic: Several Centuries of Settlement," American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 1999.

"Weantinocks, Pootatucks & The Story of Lover's Leap," with Deseree Heme, American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 1999.

Chair and Organizer for session, "Indians, Industrialists & Treasure Hunters: Archaeology in Western Connecticut," Northeastern Anthropology Association meetings, March 1999.

"Whiskey Bottles & Bullets: Archaeology at Lover's Leap," with Deseree Heme, Northeastern Anthropological Association meetings, March 1999.

Keynote speaker on Women & the Military. Southern Connecticut State University. Women's History Month, 1998.

"Gender and Power in the U.S. Military," for Gender Issues in Current Scholarship, Conference, Central Connecticut State University, April 1998.

• "Windows to the Past: Archaeology in Paugusett State Forest," Northeastern Anthropological meetings, March 1995.

"The Interpretation of the Archaeological Record from Paugusett State Forest," for the Conference on New England Archaeology meetings, April 1995.

Chair/Organizer for two sessions on "Women and the Military," Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Society meetings, Montreal, June 1995.

"Blue Navy Blues: Submarine Officers' Wives," paper for Canadian Sociology and Anthropology Society meetings, Montreal, 1995.

*Program Chair* for Northeastern Anthropological Association meetings, Western Connecticut State University, March 1993.

"Samson Occum: A Charismatic 18<sup>th</sup> Century Mohegan Leader." Northeastern Anthropological Association meetings, March 1992.

"Featherworking in Native New England," American Anthropological Association meetings, November 1991.

"The Promised Land, The Interplay Between Land Rights and Christianity in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Mohegan." Northeastern Anthropological Association meetings, March 1990.

"Early Land Records in Mohegan," American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 1990.

"Women and Work: Two Person Careers in the U.S. Navy," American Anthropological Association meetings, November 1989.

Chairperson and Organizer for session on "Enigmatic Tribes," American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 1989.

"Land, Politics and Power: The Mohegan Indians in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> Centuries," American Society for Ethnohistory meetings, October 1989.

### ***PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES***

American Anthropological Association (elected "Fellow," 1993)

American Society for Ethnohistory

Society for American Archaeology

Archaeological Society of Connecticut

Institute for American Indian Studies (elected "Trustee" 1995-2000)

Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology

The Northeastern Anthropological Association (elected Treasurer 1997; Program Chair 1993, Conference Chair, 2000, President-Elect 2000-2001, President 2002, [left Presidency to serve as a visiting Scholar at Western State] Past-President 2003-2005)

### ***UNIVERSITY SERVICE – Western CT State University***

Promotion and Tenure Committee, elected 2006, 2006-2008.

Elected Councilor, AAUP, Western Connecticut State University, 2005-2007

Jane Goodall Research Institute Committee, 1994- present. Active member of Roots and Shoots environmental program.

Women's Studies, organized and co-directed program, 1994-2002.

CSU Anthropology Collaboration Committee, worked with faculty at all 4 schools to organize and advertise events, programs and classes. Received a "Conversations in the Discipline" grant to host meeting at WCSU, spring 2000. Co-organized the NEAA annual meetings in Hartford, Spring 2001 with CSU and Fairfield University, 1999-2002.

Elected and served as President of University Senate. 1995-1997.

Senator, University Senate, 1994-2000.

Senator, Student Government Organization 1994-Winter 1998/99.

University Planning and Budget Committee, 1995-1997.

President's Cabinet, 1995-1997.



Student Life Committee, 1995-1997.

Advisor to Anthropology Club, 1990-2000.

Department Evaluation Committees:

Social Sciences	1995-1997, 2001-2004. Chair, December 2003-2005
Social Work	1997-1998.
Philosophy	1997-1999.

Program Review for Arts & Sciences, 1991-1995.

Future Growth, Arts & Sciences, 1991-1995.

Research & Development Committee, 1990-1996, 2000-2002.

Organized and moderated "Faculty Brown Bag Lunch Seminars" twice a month

Department Hiring Committees

Social Science	1994, 1999, 2000-2002, 2006
Health Sciences	1999.

**Western State College 2002-2003** (On Academic leave)

Organized Roots & Shoots, Jane Goodall, Program. Started a Roots & Shoots Club. Attended a Colorado-wide conference at the Denver Museum of Science, March, 2003.

Organized and received funding for an Anthropology Lecture Series that brought a variety of speakers to campus.

Received funding to purchase more fossil hominids for anthropology collection.

### ***VOLUNTEER and MISCELLANEOUS***

Wildlife rehabilitation at Earthplace, Spring 1998-2002 and 2003-2005.

Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots program at Earthplace, 2005-present (helped create)

Veterinary Assistant, Mill Plane Veterinary Hospital, Saturday mornings 2001-2002 and 2003-04.